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# Richland B&O Trail



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The Richland B&O trail is a paved 18.4 mile bike trail built on the railroad bed of the former Baltimore & Ohio Railway. Connecting Mansfield, Lexington, Bellville and Butler, the trail traverses some of the most scenic parts of North Central Ohio.

There are multiple entry points in each community. The trail is open year-round during daylight hours for bicycling, in-line skating, walking, jogging and also cross-country skiing in the winter. Motorized vehicles and horseback riding are prohibited.

Parking and bike trail access are available in each of the communities listed above. It is handicapped accessible and bike rentals are available on the trail. For more information, call the Gorman Nature Center at 419-884-3764.



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# MANSFIELD



## City of Mansfield:

Mansfield is home to some incredible attractions such as Kingwood Center, Oak Hill Cottage, Mansfield Art Center, Renaissance Theatre, and the Historic Ohio State Reformatory made famous in "The Shawshank Redemption".

The trail starts/ends in North Lake Park, which connects to Middle and South Parks (The B&O trail connects with the Mansfield Bike Loop from North Lake Park).

Conveniently located by a short drive is Mansfield's Historic Carrousel District featuring one of a kind shops and unique eateries as well as coffee shops with sidewalk seating. While you are downtown enjoy a leisurely stroll down Main Street and visit several of the filming sites on "The Shawshank Trail". Be sure to stop for a ride on the hand-carved wooden carrousel at the Richland Carrousel Park, the crown jewel of the district.

Mansfield is also North Central Ohio's hub for major retailers, restaurants and hotels. Whether you want to relax & recharge, do some sight-seeing or just pick up some necessities, you will find what you are looking for in Mansfield.



# LEXINGTON



## Village of Lexington:

Nestled along the Clear Fork Mohican River, Lexington provides quaint shopping and dining along the B&O Trail. Riders in Lexington will also find the only full-service bicycle shop located on the trail.

While your ride gets worked on, treat yourself and enjoy Lexington's easily accessible businesses. Keep an eye out for your favorite race car driver, as Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course turns Lexington into the racing capital of Ohio during the summer months.

Lexington has plenty of convenient and free trail parking, fully-plumbed restroom facilities and family-friendly public parks directly adjacent to the B&O Trail. Whether a stop along a longer ride or a stand-alone destination, Lexington has everything you need to enjoy the B&O Trail.

# BELLVILLE



## Village of Bellville:

Bellville, a "Norman Rockwell" like village with tree lined streets and a beautiful 1878 Victorian Bellville Bandstand in the center of town, is perfect for exploring by bike or foot. Exit the trail at the Bellville Depot which houses public restrooms, water and shelter.

Along Main Street (and across the Clear Fork Mohican River bridge) are locally owned restaurants, shops of all kinds including antiques and historic B&B's. From the Depot exit, travel south on Bell Street, using the alleys to the left by the Library or U.S. Post Office to reach the businesses on Main Street (also accessible by foot).

Bike racks are provided at the Depot, west of the blue bridge and near Main Street businesses. Traveling farther south on Bell Street you will find Amvets Community Park with a skate park, pavilion and restrooms.

Hotels, restaurants, golf course, miniature golf and other establishments may be found near the intersection of I-71 and SR97.

# BUTLER

## Village of Butler:

The Village of Butler (founded in 1848), nestled in the picturesque hills of the Mohican and Clearfork Valley, still embraces family owned businesses and family oriented activities.

The trail starts/ends at Hitchman's Park and rolls through the shady Memorial Park on Main Street. The day is not complete without grabbing a great home style meal at the local restaurant or in the summer time, the Dairy Inn.

Enjoy activities year-round starting with a car show in the summer, Prairie Peddler in the fall to skiing in the winter.

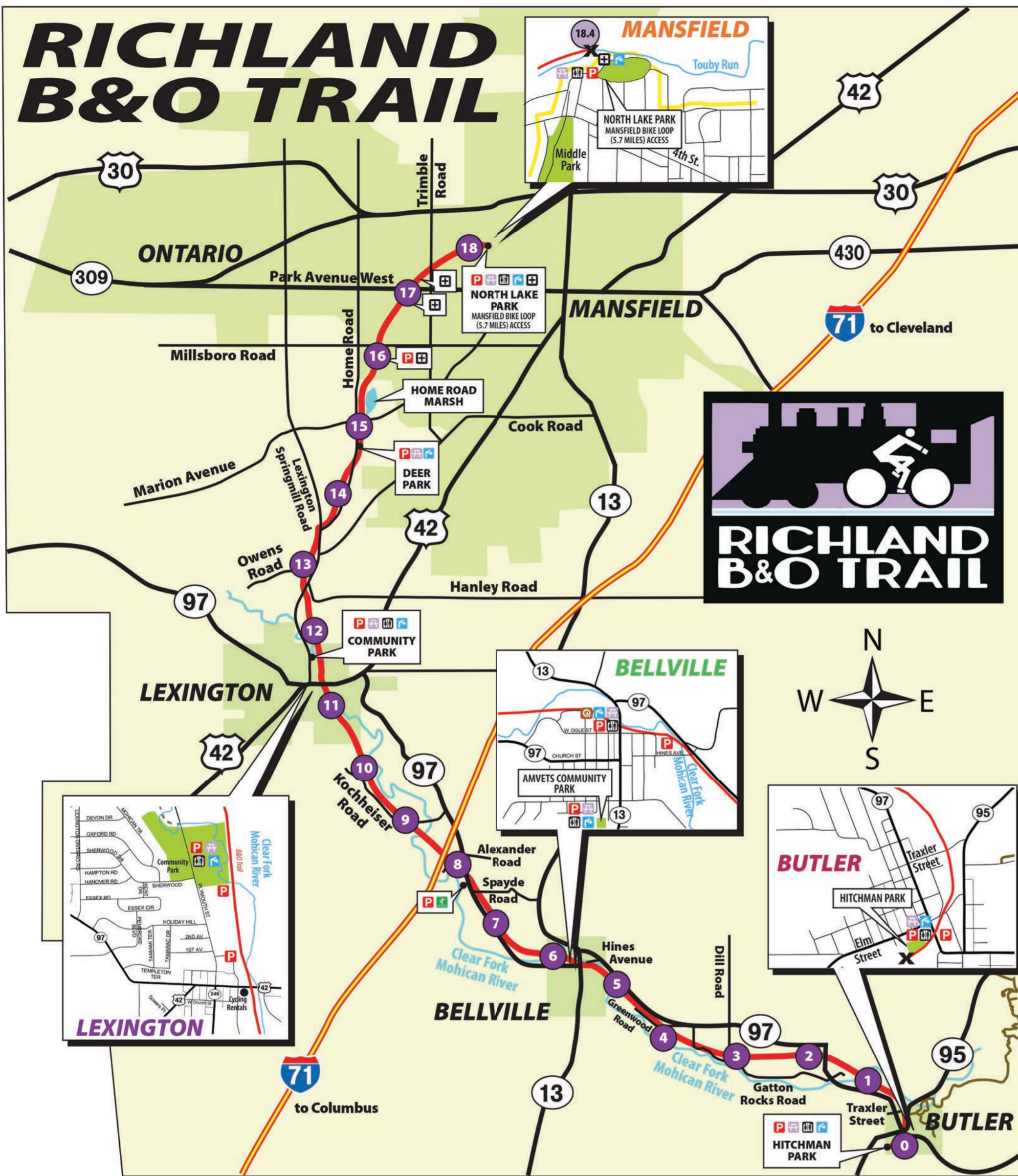
As a gateway to the Mohican Memorial Forest, the new Clear Fork Valley

Scenic (Hiking) Trail to the forest starts on the east edge of the Village near Clear Fork Adventures Resort.

With a compact business district, you are able to walk or ride to one of the many eateries, or even visit the local library. The area abounds in the beauty of mother nature and the small town charm. Come relax, mingle, explore and enjoy life as it was in a quieter era.



# RICHLAND B&O TRAIL



### RICHLAND B&O TRAIL STATS

Length ..... 18.4 miles

**Elevation**  
 Mansfield ..... 1,208 ft.  
 Lexington ..... 1,180 ft.  
 Bellville ..... 1,130 ft.  
 Butler ..... 1,070 ft.  
\* Highest elevation is 1,292 ft. between Mansfield and Lexington at Mile Marker 15

Road Crossings ..... 19  
 Parking Areas ..... 12  
 Restroom Areas ..... 5  
 Bridges ..... 18

**DISTANCES:**  
 Mansfield to Lexington .... 7 miles  
 Lexington to Bellville ..... 6 miles  
 Bellville to Butler ..... 5 miles

North Lake Park	2.2	3.3	3.9	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.8	7.2	9.4	10.3	10.7	10.9	12.8	13.3	14.4	14.8	15.4	17.0	18.1	18.3	18.4
Millsboro Road	1.1	1.7	2.8	3.3	3.8	4.6	5.0	7.2	8.1	8.5	8.7	10.6	11.1	12.2	12.6	13.2	14.8	15.9	16.1	16.2	
Marion Avenue	0.6	1.7	2.2	2.7	3.5	3.9	6.1	7.0	7.4	7.6	9.5	10.0	11.1	11.5	12.1	13.7	14.8	15.0	15.1		
Home Road (Deer Park)	1.1	1.6	2.1	2.9	3.3	5.5	6.4	6.8	7.0	8.9	9.4	10.5	10.9	11.5	13.1	14.2	14.4	14.5			
Lex-Springmill at Home Road	0.5	1.0	1.8	2.2	4.4	5.3	5.7	5.9	7.8	8.3	9.4	9.8	10.4	12.0	13.1	13.3	13.4				
Owens Road	0.5	1.3	1.7	3.9	4.8	5.2	5.4	7.3	7.8	8.9	9.3	9.9	11.5	12.6	12.8	12.9					
Lex-Springmill at Hanley Road	0.80	1.2	3.4	4.3	4.7	4.9	6.8	7.3	8.4	8.8	9.4	11.0	12.1	12.3	12.4						
Lexington Park	0.4	2.6	3.5	3.9	4.1	6.0	6.5	7.6	8.0	8.6	10.2	11.3	11.5	11.6							
Rt. 42 in Lexington	2.2	3.1	3.5	3.7	5.6	6.1	7.2	7.6	8.2	9.8	10.9	11.1	11.2								
Kochheiser Road	0.9	1.3	1.5	3.4	3.9	5.0	5.4	6.0	7.6	8.7	8.9	9.0									
Alexander Road	0.4	0.6	2.5	3.0	4.1	4.5	5.1	6.7	7.8	8.0	8.1										
St. Rt. 97	0.2	2.1	2.6	3.7	4.1	4.7	6.3	7.4	7.6	7.7											
Spayde Road	1.9	2.4	3.5	3.9	4.5	6.1	7.2	7.4	7.5												
St. Rt. 13 in Bellville	0.5	1.6	2.0	2.6	4.2	5.4	5.5	5.6													
Hines Avenue (Bellville)	1.1	1.5	2.1	3.7	4.8	5.0	5.1														
Greenwood Road	0.4	1.0	2.6	3.7	3.9	4.0															
Gatton Rocks Road	0.6	2.2	3.3	3.5	3.6																
Dill Road	1.6	2.7	2.9	3.0																	
St. Rt. 97	1.3	1.5	1.6																		
Traxler Street	0.2	0.3																			
Hitchman Park	0.1																				

### MAP LEGEND

- 1 ..... Mile Marker
- P ..... Parking
- ..... Repair Station
- ..... Warm-up/Stretching Station
- ..... Water Fountain
- ..... Restroom
- ..... Picnic Area
- ..... Emergency Call Box
- ..... Mansfield Bike Loop
- ..... Clear Fork Valley Scenic Trail (Hiking only)



#### BIKE TRAIL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Heed all posted signs, rules and regulations
- Trail use is permitted (year-round) from dawn to dusk
- Motorized vehicles, buggies and horses are prohibited
- Electronic personal assistance mobility devices are permitted
- Dogs are welcome, but must be leashed (short leash preferable)
- Curb your pet and please remove pet waste
- Please yield to all maintenance vehicles & volunteer work crews
- Please do not litter on the trail
- Please do not remove animals, plants or other natural items from the trail
- Respect private property and stay on the trail
- Cyclists should yield to all other users
- Cycling at high rates of speed is inappropriate for the trail and is prohibited
- Be respectful of all users on the trail

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION & SAFETY TIPS

- Report maintenance needs to: Richland County Park District at 419-884-3764
- If you find yourself in an emergency call 911
- Bike rentals and repairs available at Y-Not Cycling (Lexington) at 419-884-6135
- Stop, look & listen for all motor vehicle traffic that crosses the trail
- Always keep to the right except to pass
- Pass on the left (with caution) and alert users with "On Your Left!"
- Move off of the trail surface when stopped
- Cyclists should always wear a helmet
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Always carry a cell phone
- Protect your valuables and secure your vehicle in all parking lots

## Destination Mansfield

Richland County

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